

Time Period	Activity
Until November 30, 2003	The public is invited to submit scientific evidence related to EPO dosing and hematocrit/hemoglobin levels. Parties submitting data are invited to also schedule meetings to present data and provide verbal explanations of their analysis if they so desire.
December 1, 2003 – February 1, 2004	CMS staff will analyze data submitted. We may supplement the submittals with data from the USRDS or CMS data sources such as national claims history files, performance measurements, REBUS, etc.
March 1, 2004	CMS will circulate a draft policy for comment.
May 1, 2004	CMS will issue a final revised policy or a memorandum announcing the decision regarding national monitoring of EPO for ESRD patients.